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1. COUNTRY TEAM FULLY AGREES THAT USG MUST NOT IN ANY WAY APPEAR TO BE ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY OF ASIAN GAMES. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO IRANIANS FROM BEGINNING THAT WHILE WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP THEM COPE WITH SECURITY PROBLEMS, RESPONSIBILITY REMAINS THEIRS.

2. WHILE ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE EMPHASIZED POSSIBILITY OF EXPLOSIVES IMBEDDED IN CONCRETE, THERE IS ALSO MORE LIKELY POSSIBILITY OF LESS SOPHISTICATED BOMBS IN AIRCONDITIONING DUCTS, WIRING CONDUITS AND OTHER CAVITIES OF STRUCTURES. HEAVY ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE AREAS, PARTICULARLY WHERE VIPS WILL CONGREGATE. BASED ON FINDINGS OF THREE-MAN EOD TEAM WHICH ARRIVES TONIGHT FROM GERMANY, WE MAY REQUEST MORE OR DIFFERENT KIND OF EOD PERSONNEL TO WORK WITH IRANIAN SECURITY FORCES. IN MEANTIME WE WOULD WELCOME ANY ASSISTANCE OR TECHNICAL ADVICE FBI OR SECRET SERVICE MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER.

3. COUNTRY TEAM BELIEVES THAT POSSIBILITY OF TERRORIST ACTION OF SOME KIND DURING GAMES IS REAL. IN ADDITION TO IRANIAN TERRORISTS WHOSE "RECENT TRACK RECORD" IS POOR, IRAQ IS KNOWN TO BE TRAINING
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TERRORISTS AND SABOTEURS FOR OPERATIONS AGAINST IRAN AND MAY SEE

HIGHLY PUBLICIZED GAMES AS OPPORTUNITY TO DO MAXIMUM DAMAGE TO IRANIAN IMAGE. PLO OR OTHER ARAB GROUPS MIGHT ALSO TRY ANOTHER MUNICH-LIKE ATTACK ON ISRAELIS. IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP IRANIANS PREVENT SUCH OCCURRANCES.

4. WHILE WE ARE SUGGESTING THAT GOI ALSO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM UK, CANADA AND OTHERS WITH COUNTER-TERROR CAPABILITY, TIME IS PROBABLY TOO SHORT AT THIS STAGE FOR THEM TO GEAR UP ANY EFFECTIVE HELP.
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